NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS		CHAPTER Health Services	
POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE		STATEMENT NUMBER 6.46	
SUBJECT: PROPONENT:	SPECIAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS Robert MacLeod, Administrative Dir. Name/Title Medical/Forensic Services 271-3707 Office Phone #	EFFECTIVE DATE REVIEW DATE SUPERSEDES PPD# DATED	02/01/06 10/15/07 6.46 11/15/03
ISSUING OFFICER:		DIRECTOR'S INITIALS	
		APPENDIX ATTACHED:	
William Wrenn, Commissioner		YES NO	0
REFERENCE NO: See reference section on last page of PPD.			

I. PURPOSE:

To describe special health care programs that are available to inmates and to outline procedures required for implementation of special health care programs.

II. APPLICABILITY:

To all staff and inmates, especially to those who are involved in the management and operation of health care services.

III. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections to write individual plans for each inmate with special health care needs. A qualified health practitioner will develop the plan. The plan shall include a statement of short/long term goals and provision for treatment either on-site or by referral. The following special programs are available:

- A. Chronic care
- B. Convalescent care
- C. Detox from alcohol and drugs
- D. Health Education Program
- E. Care for handicapped
- F. Contagious disease

IV. PROCEDURES:

A. Planning

A written, individual treatment plan that includes directions to health care and other personnel regarding their roles in the care and supervision of the patient will be developed by the appropriate physician, dentist or qualified mental health practitioner.

B. Treatment plan

Identification of these patients shall be made through staff referral, sick call, physical examination or inmate self-referral.

C. Chronic Care

The physician shall maintain an up-to-date list of all patients diagnosed as having chronic diseases, such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma or similar disorders. The patients listed as chronically diseased shall be seen at least annually, and more frequently as clinically determined by the health care staff. If appropriate, classification will be informed of special needs relative to housing, work assignment restrictions or special other restrictions.

D. Convalescent Care

The staff physician shall be responsible for determining the placement of patients requiring close observation during post-operative recovery or recovery for other illnesses or injuries. Such patients shall be admitted as soon as medically possible to the Health Services Center.

E. Detoxification

- 1. Whenever the designated physician has diagnosed a patient as chemically dependent, the patient will be transferred to a hospital for gradual detoxification if the individual's health requires such transfer.
- 2. Upon return to the Health Services Center an inmate who has been detoxified will be referred to the Chief of Mental Health for development of an individual treatment plan to meet their needs
- 3. If a need for continued treatment exists upon the release of an inmate, the Chief of Mental Health will refer the inmate to appropriate community agencies.

REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies Second Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions
Fourth Edition Standards

4-4350; 4-4359; 4-4376

Standards for Adult Community Residential Services Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services Third Edition Standards

Other

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